NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: ☐ Office of Planning and Research (OPR)
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12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650

FROM:
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Project Title: 24-024 – Summit Drive Water Main Replacement

Project Location-Specific:
Along the rights-of-way of Summit Dr, Midvale Drive, and ending at the cul-de-sac of Summit Dr. in the City of Whittier, Los Angeles County, California. (Latitude 33° 58' 22.1" N, Longitude -118° 1' 26.3" W at Summit Drive and Eastridge Drive).

Project Location-City: Whittier **Project Location-County:** Los Angeles

Project Description: This project includes water improvements as follows: The water improvements will replace approximately 0.37 miles (1950 linear feet) of existing 4 inch cast iron water main with an 8 inch Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) water main within the Summit Drive and Midvale Drive right-of-way. The new water line will connect to existing water line at Eastridge Drive from one end and cul-de-sac of Summit Drive and end of Midvale Drive at the other two ends.

Street Restoration: After replacement of underground utilities, the street restoration will consist of restoring 2-3 foot wide trench with base materials and asphalt pavement to match existing conditions along Summit Drive, Midvale Drive, until the cul-de-sac of Summit Drive and end of Midvale Drive.

The disturbed project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species, Summit Drive, and Midvale Drive are not designated scenic highways adjacent to the project site. The project site is not listed on Geotracker as having an active clean-up site assessment pursuant to lists identified under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. The project site does not impact historical resources.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Whittier, Public Works Department

Name of Person/Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Whittier, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90622

Exempt Status: ***(Check one)***

☐ Ministerial *(Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)*
☒ Categorical Exemption (15301, 15302(c), & 15304(f))
☐ Statutory Exemption ( )
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (*Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c)*)
☐ Other: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project was reviewed for potential exemptions and was found to satisfy the standards of Class 1, Class 2 and Class 4 as specified within Article 19 Categorical Exemptions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. A Class 1 exemption consists

of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to: (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to: (f) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

The City has found that the proposal consists of water improvements and trench restoration. There will be negligible expansion of the water facility due to the pipe size change. No mature trees will be removed as part of the project.

The application meets the standards for Section 15301, Section 15302(c) and 15304(f) in that the construction will replace approximately 0.37 miles (1950 linear feet) of existing water mains, and will involve minimal to no land alteration in an area that is already developed and the soil is disturbed. The project sites are located in the City's Right-of-Way. None of the project sites are environmentally sensitive, and they will not result in significant effects to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality with the construction of the new facilities. No significant adverse effects were identified during the evaluation process.

Therefore, the City of Whittier has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and a Notice of Exemption will be filed pursuant to Section 15062 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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